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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE ON MOBUTU DIVERTING
1.4 MILLION DOLS INTENDED FOR ANGOLA

1. FOLLOWING ARTICLE, ENTITLED "EX-CIA OFFICIAL: MOBUTU
STOLE 1.4 MILLION DOLS INTENDED FOR ANGOLA" BY HUGH CRAIG
APPEARED ON PAGE 1 OF MAY 8 EDITION OF THE WASHINGTON
POST: QUOTE: A FORMER CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY OFFICIAL
CHARGED YESTERDAY THAT THE PRESIDENT OF ZAIRE, MOBUTU SESE
SEKO, STOLE 1.4 MILLION DOLS IN CIA FUNDS INTENDED FOR
U.S. BACKED MILITARY FORCES IN NEIGHBORING ANGOLA.

JOHN STOCKWELL, A 12-YEAR CIA VETERAN, ALSO SAID
"BLUNDERING STUPIDITY" BY THE INTLLIGENCE AGENCY OPENED
THE WAY FOR MASSIVE INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA BY CUBA AND
THE SOVIET UNION.

THE ALLEGATIONS WERE VOICED IN AN INTERVIEW ON "60 MINUTES"
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(CBS, WTOP).

STOCKWELL USED TO BE CHIEF OF THE CIA TASK FORCE ON ANGOLA.
HE RESIGNED FROM THE AGENCY IN MARCH 1977, COMPLAINING OF
"DISILLUSIONMENT" WITH THE LEADERSHIP AND CALLING FOR
REFORMS.
A BOOK DESCRIBING HIS CIA EXPERIENCES GOES ON SALE THIS

WEEK. THE BOOK IS TITLED "IN SEARCH OF ENEMIES: A CIA STORY."

IN 1975 THE 1976, THREE FACTIONS WERE VYING FOR CONTROL OF THE FORMER PORTUGUESE COLONY OF ANGOLA, ON THE ATLANTIC COAST OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. ONE FACTION WAS BEING HELPED BY THE SOVIET UNION, BOTH OF THE OTHERS BY THE CIA.

FROM ZAIRE TO THE NORTH, MOBUTU WAS GIVING "CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT TO THE CIA'S SECRET WAR," STOCKWELL SAID YESTERDAY. AND BEFORE THE CIA WITHDREW, HE SAID, IT PAID MOBUTU 2 MILLION DOLS, OF WHICH 1.4 MILLION DOLS WAS TO BE TURNED OVER TO THE LEADERS OF THE TWO FRIENDLY FACTIONS IN ANGOLA.

INSTEAD, THE 1.4 MILLION DOLS "WAS STOLEN BY MOBUTU. HE POCKETED THIS MONEY," STOCKWELL CHARGED.

ASKED BY INTERVIEWER MIKE WALLACE TO DOCUMENT THE CHARGE, THE FORMER CIA OFFICIAL SAID LEADERS OF THE FRIENDLY FACTIONS COMPLAINED "THAT THEY WERE TOTALLY BROKE, THAT THEIR CADRES WERE LITERALLY STARVING, AND, WE SAID: 'MOBUTU HAS YOUR MONEY.' AND THEY SAID 'HE'S NOT GIVING. HE WON'T EVEN SEE US.' ".

THE CIA MADE NO REPRESENTATIONS TO MOBUTU ABOUT THE MONEY, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STOCKWELL SAID:

"WE WERE HOPING THAT MOBUTU WOULDN'T BREAK RELATIONS WITH AMERICA AND GO PUBLIC AND BLAME THE CIA ... THE MOOD INSIDE THE CIA WAS THAT -- WAS ONE OF DELIGHT IF HE WOULD JUST TAKE THE MONEY AND BE QUIET ABOUT IT, AND LET OUR FORMER ALLIES STARVE.

STOCKWELL SAID HIS EXPERIENCE TAUGHT HIM THAT THE CIA IS "NOT VERY GOOD AT RUNNING A COVERT WAR, THAT SUCH COVERT WARS DON'T WORK, THAT WE WERE DISHONEST, THAT WE WERE WILLING TO LIE ABOUT IT TO KEEP IT GOING, TO CON THE AMERICAN PUBLIC, TO MANIPULATE THE CONGRESS IN ORDER TO CONTINUE PLAYING OUR GAMES."

TO EXPLAIN THE SUBTERFUGE, STOCKWELL SAID "WE VERY MUCH HAD THE FEELING THAT IF WE WERE CAUGHT, IF WE WERE EXPOSED...WE WOULD HAVE BEEN SHOUTED OUT OF EXISTENCE AND CLOSED DOWN. THIS WAS, AFTER ALL, THREE MONTHS AFTER VIETNAM THAT WE LAUNCHED THIS THING AND COMMITTED THE UNITED STATES TO ANOTHER VERY VAGUE THIRD WORLD CIVIL WAR."

INTERVENTION BY THE CIA PROVOKED MOSCOW AND HAVANA INTO SENDING MASSIVE AID TO THE PRO-MARXIST FACTION, STOCKWELL SAID, WHILE THE BUDGET FOR CIA ASSISTANCE WAS LIMITED BY THE NEED TO PRESERVE SECRECY.

SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER SOUGHT "TO BLUFF THE SOVIETS." STOCKWELL SAID, "WHEN HE COULDN'T FOLLOW THROUGH AND THEY KNEW IT."

THE MARXIST FACTION EVENTUALLY GAINED CONTROL OF THE COUNTRY.

FORMER CIA DIRECTOR WILLIAM E. COLBY WAS INTERVIEWED ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE SAME PROGRAM. HE DENIED A STOCKWELL ALLEGATION THAT AGENCY ADVISERS AND TRAINERS WERE OPERATING INSIDE ANGOLA, IN VIOLATION OF ORDERS FROM WASHINGTON.

COLBY, ALTHOUGH INSISTING "I DID NOT MISLEAD CONGRESSMEN," IMPLICITLY ACKNOWLEDGED THE SECRECY AND DESCRIBED WHY THE AGENCY'S RESOURCES WERE SKIMPY: "I HAD BRIEFED THE COMMITTEES, EIGHT COMMITTEES OF THE CONGRESS, ON EACH STEP WE TOOK IN ANGOLA. THERE WAS NO OBJECTION BEYOND ONE OR TWO MEMBERS RAISED A QUESTION ABOUT IT. THE REST OF THE COMMITTEES ACCEPTED IT, DID NOT OBJECT UNTIL IT BECAME PUBLIC LATER. THEN THEY TURNED AND VOTED TO STOP THE AID TO ANGOLA."

STOCKWELL DESCRIBED OTHER CIA OPERATIONS THAT "STRETCHED THE BOUNDS OF CONSCIENCE."

THE AGENCY MOUNTED ELABORATE OPERATIONS DESIGNED TO PLANT PROSTITUTES WITH COMMUNIST OFFICIALS TO GET INFORMATION OUT OF THEM.

I WAS SENT TO NEW YORK AND FLORIDA TO RECRUIT CALL GIRLS WHO COULD BE SENT TO EAST AFRICA TO BE RUN AGAINST SOVIET, CHINESE AND KOREAN AMBASSADORS IN AN ATTEMPT TO BREAK THEM DOWN OR GAIN INTELLIGENCE ABOUT THEM OR FROM THEM OR TO BE ABLE TO BLACKMAIL THEM," STOCKWELL SAID.

HOWEVER, NOTHING USEFUL WAS LEARNED, HE SAID.

"WE SUCCEEDED IN SENDING A WOMAN TO EAST AFRICA. SHE WOUND UP UP COUNTRY WITH THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN BED WITH HIM; SHE FOUND OUT THAT HE WAS AN ALCOHOLIC, THAT HE WAS IMPOTENT AND THAT HE HAD HALITOSIS.

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"AND THAT WAS THE EXTENT OF WHAT WE LEARNED FROM THAT OPERATION."

AFTER STOCKWELL QUITE THE CIA, HIS LETTER OF RESIGNATION WAS PUBLISHED IN THE OUTLOOK SECTION OF THE WASHINGTON POST.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON AFRICA, DICK CLARK (D-IOWA), SAID LAST NIGHT HE UNDERSTANDS THAT THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE IS MAKING A "THOROUGH INVESTIGATION" ON CIA AGENTS' INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA. HE SAID THE SUBJECT IS DIFFICULT TO PURSUE BECAUSE FEW WILL TESTIFY IN PUBLIC.

STOCKWELL IS THE SECOND EX-AGENT TO VIOLATE -- BY PUBLICATION OF A BOOK -- THE SECRECY OATH ALL CIA RECRUITS TAKE. THE CIA IS SUING FORMER AGENT FRANK SNEEP FOR ALL PROCEEDS FROM HIS BOOK ABOUT THE END OF SOUTH VIETNAM. SAYING HE DID NOT SUBMIT THE MANUSCRIPT FOR AGENCY CLEARANCE IN ACCORD WITH THE OATH.

STOCKWELL TOLD NEWSWEEK HE FELT THE SECRECY OATH WAS FRAUDULENTLY OBTAINED SINCE HE WAS UNAWARE OF THE AGENCY'S DARKER SIDE. UNQUOTE.

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